(d) The oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to prevent various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. Further, Anti Adulteration Cell, headed by a Director General, has been set up and empowered for search and seizure under various control orders.

Import of Crude Oil

2566. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total import value of crude oil for the year 2000-2001

(b) the consumption trend of the range of oil products in the country for the first quarter of 2001-2002 as compared to the same quarter of preceding year; and

(c) the details of plans to reduce the import of crude oil in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The total import value of crude oil during 2000-2001 was Rs. 65,932 crore.

(b) The information is given in attached statement. (*See* below)

(c) Government has taken several steps to increase crude oil production in the country which include:

(i) To improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) /Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes. These would also help in accelerating oil production from the fields.

(ii) To add reserves by exploring in the deeper layers in the producing areas.

(iii) To explore in the new areas specially in deep water and difficult frontier areas.

(iv) To develop faster the newly discovered oil fields.

(v) To increase workover and stimulation operations.

(vi) To increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(vii) To increase use of 3-D seismic surveys in new and producing areas.

Steps have also been taken to increase refining capacity by expansion of existing refineries in public sector and setting up of refineries in joint sector.

Statement

Consumption trend of Petroleum Products for April-June

(Thousand Metric Tonne)

Product	Sales (PSU + PMS)		
	2000-01 (Provisional)	2001-02 (Provisional)	% Growth
1	2	3	4
LPG	1581	1745	10.4
MS	1622	1765	8.8
Naphtha	2756	2984	8.3
ATF	546	562	2.9
SKO	2866	2568	-10.4
LDO	360	301	-16.4
HSD	10152	9810	-3.4
FO/LSHS	2966	3150	6.2
LUBES	191	224	17.3
Bitumen	787	777	-1.3
Others	1427	1032	-27.7
TOTAL	25253	24918	-1.3

Note: Data on private imports is as per Industry assesment in absence of any authentic source for collection of information.

New System for procurement of LPG Cylinders

2567. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to procure LPG cylinders through an open tender system instead of buying from authorised manufacturer at a fixed price;